

PAYC MAINSHEET

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Commodore's Corner

Commodore Russ Myers

We had a very productive workday on March 6. The clubhouse has a fresh coat of paint, but there is still some trim work that needs painting. The damaged gutters were replaced, and the gate is operating again. **Words of warning:** Do not input a code into the keypad until the gate has come to a complete stop. If you do, the gate will stop and you will have to move the speed limit sign over the exit loop to reset the gate.

I am happy to announce that PIC has begun replacing the fence between the clubhouse and Pleasure Island Blvd. This will improve the appearance of PAYC.

At the meetings on Tuesday, Apr 12, 2010, we will discuss allocating funds to purchase a new air conditioning system for the TV room. Paul Morgan secured a \$1,937.43 bid for a new air handling unit, heat strip, evaporator coil, and outside condensing unit. We also need to purchase a FOB reader and a serial interface so we can program the gate from a computer in the clubhouse.

PAYC will host the Spindletop Multihull Regatta on Apr 10-11. The Sabine Sail and Power Squadron will hold their Flip-to-Flop Redneck Wedding Crawfish Boil in conjunction with the regatta. All PAYC members are welcome to come out and enjoy what sounds like a fun weekend.

Hope to see you on the water!

Welcome our new members aboard!

Mike and Debbie Vaughn own a 31' motor vessel. Mike has 25 years of boating experience. Welcome to PAYC!



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APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Thursday Night Race Series #2
- Apr 9-11 - Redneck Judging and Wedding; Spindletop Regatta
- Apr 13 - PAYC General and Board Meetings
- Apr 24 - Olympic Race #1 and Light the Pit Social
- Apr 29 - Skippers' Meeting for Contraband Days

We Sail

By Alyssa Worsham, Sophomore at Madison HS in Oakton, VA (an English project written with the Worsham family in mind!)

Aboard a vessel,
 Against the wind,
 Amid the gulls,
 Beneath the skies,
 Beyond the shore,
 Despite the weather,
 Following our hearts,
 Over the seas,
 Towards the horizon,
 We sail.



Flip-to-Flop Redneck Wedding Weekend – SS&PS and PAYC Event

EVERYONE!!! You are invited to join both Sabine Sail & Power Squadron and the Port Arthur Yacht Club for a fun-filled weekend. It's SPRING!!! There will be friends from everywhere you will know or will want to know!!!

We will have a Redneck Wedding Couples contest (no fee to participate) Friday night. Saturday will be filled with hayrides, spitting contests, a flotilla raft-up to watch the sailboat races, bridge game, or just relaxation under the tent. The evening will end with the "wedding reception" of boiled crawfish.

Please come support our newly-formed Squadron's first event!! There will be a few surprises!! You know dem' rednecks – FUN is high on their list! There is something for everyone! We need protestors and judges for the wedding and spectators to pass a good time!

YOU KNOW YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A REDNECK -- NOW IS THE TIME!!!

Please fill out the form below and forward it to songa.gremillion@yahoo.com so we can get an accurate account for food. You can pay when you arrive. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 409-548-3125.

Songa Gremillion

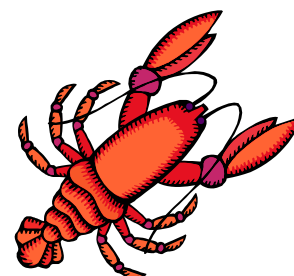
Commander, Sabine Sail & Power Squadron

[Editor's Note: This is the information that Songa needs. It's not easy to use a form in pdf format, so please provide her this information via email.]

Name:			
#	Event	Price	Amount
	Fri Spaghetti Dinner	\$5.00	
	Sat Breakfast	\$5.00	
	Sat Crawfish Boil and Beer	\$23.00	
	Sun Breakfast	\$5.00	
		Total	

Agenda for the April 9-11 Weekend

Friday		
1800 till	Spaghetti Dinner	\$5.00
	Redneck Bride & Groom Couples Contest	No fee! BYOB
Saturday		
0800	Breakfast	\$5.00
	Coop Charting Small Seminar (Scott McDonald)	Get educated!
0930-1015	Hayride	Just fun!
1010-1030	Best Redneck Puppy Contest	Be cute!
1030-1100	Judging of Redneck Bride and Groom's Cake	Can't eat em yet!
1100-1130	Meet at the boats/bring finger food	Watch sailboat races
1100-1500	Bridge game at Tom McFerrin's home	Just have fun!
1600	Bring gift for Redneck wedding (gift judging)	Just laugh!
1630	Mullet throwing contest Women's spitting contest Men's spitting contest	Will be interesting ???
1830 till	Wedding Reception	
	Crawfish Boil and Beer	\$23.00
	Dancing Under the Tent	
	Breakfast	\$5.00
Sunday		
1000	Hayride and tour of island homes for sale	



KEEP YOUR REDNECK
"WHERE I'M POSED TO BE"
TUNED IN

Racing

Paul Vera – 409-363-3898 (cell)

I have been in charge of our racing program for years and have made many mistakes, but hopefully I've been able to correct them with the help of others. I have a great support group in place, so if I have a question I know who to call – and I do!

With that said, it's a big responsibility to make everything clear when describing race courses, start sequences, ratings, and the other racing details. Thanks to those who have given me input to make better decisions and can explain things through a clean pair of glasses for me.

The decision to race or not to race is one that I do not take lightly. It is a decision made after consulting all the weather services and taking input from the competitors. I have gotten it wrong a couple of times, but this last race was the hardest one to call with the front moving extremely fast from Austin toward the outskirts of Houston. But, alas, this was the first time I missed not going out and completing a race. I knew there was a 3-hour window for the race, but I didn't have a good feel for how fast the front was travelling. A call from Houston saying that they were experiencing 35 mph winds was enough for me to call the race. We were all ready to go when canceled, so I sat on *Bonnie Blue* watching the weather and the clock. The first heavy winds didn't come in until late afternoon. Yes, we had time to get it in a 3-hour race; however, you never know, and it's wise to err on the side of safety. One skipper didn't like the call, but he said that he would abide by it and stand by me for making it. Not even that took away the pain of canceling a race that could have been.

We held our first Thursday Night Race Series race. Russ Myers out-spinnakered the racing fleet, and Jim Pearson won the cruiser fleet with his funny-looking-but-works spinnaker. We had nine boats: Jim Pearson, Greg Lynd, Art Lynd, Russ Myers, Ken

Rutty, Richard Hughes, Paul Vera, Bill Worsham, and Martin Novich. What a great start!

April Racing: TNR #2 – Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Olympic #1 – Apr 24

We need all the help we can get for the Spindletop Regatta on Apr 10–11. Email Ricky Richardson (secretary@payc.us) if you can help.

That's it -- see you on the line.

You only need two tools in life -- WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.
–Contributed by Gene Kohrman

Cruising

Mike Wise

It's cruising season at PAYC. We have the whole month of April to get ready for a busy May! Wash the decks down, open the hatches, and clear out the winter mustiness; we have two long distance cruises slated to start the summer off right. That is, if we have places to stay when we get there!

We'll start with a Contraband Days Cruise Skippers' Meeting on Apr 29 at 1930 after the Thursday Night Race. The festival covers two separate weekends -- May 1–2 and 8–9. The new marina is still under construction and is not accepting boats. A phone call to the Contraband Days got us a list of local marinas. Of those on the list, Bridge Point Yacht Center was the only one that said they would probably have availability during the festival weekends. At this time I do not have a rate but will get that information out soon. They seem to be the best option for water depth for sailboats.

Next is the Deiter Junge Offshore Race/Cruise to Galveston on Memorial Day Weekend, May 29. Again the Skippers' Meeting will be held at 1930 on May 27 after the Thursday Night Race. It looks, however, that we may not have many choices of places to stay. Galveston Yacht Basin has taken a

reservation for 30 boats that weekend with only 18 transient slips available. The old rubrail-eating cement retaining wall is still damaged from our ole' pal Ike. There are not many other options in the area, and being Memorial Weekend, they are all probably booked as well. GYB is the only place I contacted. If anyone has any ideas, let me know. I believe there is an area to anchor out near there, but that means no going ashore without a dingy and no power unless you have a generator.

Reaching way into June, there is the Moonlight Race/Cruise #2 on Jun 26. Back in February only two racers made the start line for #1 with no cruisers participating.

On another note, hopefully these north winds will turn around and fill up the lake again! Those that draw more than 4' need to check the water levels and tides before venturing out. I found way too much bottom trying for a Sunday sail recently after mistakenly thinking there was enough water.

That's it for this month. Until next month, keep on cruisin'...

Junior Sailing

Paul Vera – 409-363-3898 (cell)

Boats, boats, everywhere! Now it is time to put the pieces together from Lasers to Optimists. I will be out at the club every Saturday rigging boats and figuring out what parts are needed and what parts are not needed. We have enough hulls, but we need Laser daggerboards and rudders and Sunfish rudders, tillers, and daggerboards. If you have any boat parts for Lasers, Optis, or Sunfish that are collecting dust, our junior program surely could find a use for them.

Junior Sailing Camp is scheduled for Jun 25–28. This will be a segregated camp with male and female chaperones.

There is new wind in our junior program, and it's slowly picking up speed.

From the Secretary's Desk

Ricky Richardson (409-882-4847)

April is upon us, and with it comes some good wind and warmer days. Spindletop has been changed to a springtime event, and this year Sabine Sail and Power Squadron will be hosting a Flip to Flop during the Regatta Weekend. It will be a good time for all, I'm sure, with Songa Gremillion heading up some activities for nonracers during the weekend of Apr 9–11. Friday, Apr 9 will be a Redneck Couple judging. Look and act the part, and you will have a Redneck Wedding on Saturday during the crawfish boil. There will be fun things going on all weekend, and all PAYC members are invited to this joint event.

We are in the process of getting our post-Ike membership current. At this time we have around 100 members. New members continue to join with the most recent being Farley Fontenot. Farley is excited about helping PAYC stay afloat. Other new members include Conrad Woodring, Donovan Garrett, and Michael Vaughn, our most recent member and owner of a 31' motor vessel.

Gene Kohrman is moving to Mississippi soon. Gene will be missed. He has been Harbormaster for a good while, and as a live-aboard he has kept a watchful eye out for our club and members. Thanks, Gene, for all that you have done for PAYC!

If you have something to bring before the membership at the General Meeting or the Board Meeting, please send it to me at secretary@payc.us so I can distribute it to the board. While not a requirement, it helps speed things along.

Here's hoping I see you out on the water soon!



What's My Line?

From *The Ensign*; an article by Al Ponzio (Winter '10)

Part II. Determining Dock Line Diameter and Length

The line diameters shown below deliver both sufficient strength and elasticity:

Boat Length	Line Diameter
Up to 25'	3/8"
Up to 35'	1/2"
Up to 45'	5/8"

For a permanent slip, measure the appropriate length using old line, making allowances for eye splices. Then, after pulling into the slip, just drop the eyes over the mooring cleats. Allow extra length for fixed docks to account for tidal changes.

Dock lines for traveling should be as long as the boat (spring line length). Bow and stern lines could be shorter, but it's simpler if all are the same length – there's no sorting to find the right one.

Minutes for March 9, 2010

Board Attendees: Russ Myers, Paul Vera, Jim Pearson, Ricky Richardson, Art Lynd, Mike Wise, Larry Lognion, Pat O'Quinn, Paul Morgan

Members: Britt Hartford **Guest:** Mike Vaughn

Treasurer's Report: (Email secretary@payc.us.)

Harbormaster: Gene Kohrman reported all is well.

Membership: Mike and Debbie Vaughn were approved. Michael has a 31' motor vessel.

Racing: (See the racing calendar.)

Junior Sailing: Paul Vera reported good feedback from some Mardi Gras participants.

Junior Camp is scheduled for June 25–28. Paul will be putting some Prams together and needs some help. If you see him working on them, offer to lend him a hand. Twelve boats are needed for June.

Cruising: Mike Wise reported a Skippers' Meeting for Contraband on Apr 29 after Thursday night racing. Contraband is slated for May 1–2 and 8–9.

Dieter Junge Skippers' Meeting is May 27 after Thursday night racing with a departure for the Galveston Race/Cruise on May 29.

House & Grounds: Paul Morgan stated there was a good turnout for the work party and the gate is now working. Chris Reid and Ted Mahavier designed and built a Pram rack for the screen house. Charlie Seat and Ken Ruddy painted. Twenty-two showed up including Mike Taggart and Rosy, Jim Pearson, Greg Lynd and Ruth, Pat and Suzy O'Quinn, Russ Myers, Alan Aldredge, Johnny Otto, Butch Neely, Darrel Reeves, Mike Gill, K O Harlow, Gene Kohrman.

There is a leak on the ice machine. Randy Palmero volunteered to make some louvered doors for the ice machine entrance. The air conditioner in the Bay Room is getting priced. The urinal valve needs to be installed, and the Flag Pole needs paint. There was a question about the hoist maintenance plan. Paul Morgan built a chair closet out of the telephone booth in the clubhouse.

Socials: Songa Gremillion reported that Light the Pit begins Saturday, Apr 24 at 1600. The charcoal pit will be lit and members are encouraged to come join in the social and throw some meat on the grill.

All members are invited to celebrate the Apr 9–11 Redneck weekend in conjunction with the Division 6 Catamaran Racing and the Power Squadron Flip to Flop events. (See the schedule on p. 2.)

Old Business: Gene Kohrman reported on a boating safety class held at Lamar Orange.

New Business: After discussion, a motion to carry over the unused budget for Junior Sailing from 2009 to 2010 passed without opposition.

If you're behind with your PAYC dues, please catch up ASAP. Contact Jim Pearson or Alan Aldredge (treasurer@payc.us) if you have any questions about your invoice or need to make payment arrangements. Invoices for the first half of 2010 are due upon receipt.

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Motto

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[Gene Kohrman](#) and [Paul Morgan](#)

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Reserving the PAYC Clubhouse (Members Only):

Email clubhouse@payc.us or contact a club officer. Visit payc.us for a reservation application after the date is cleared.

Next General/Board Meeting:

Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m., PAYC Clubhouse
Board Meeting immediately follows the General Meeting.

Request a PAYC Roster:

Email roster@payc.us.

Mainsheet Delivery:

Email mainsheet@payc.us or contact the PAYC Secretary to move from USPO delivery to email delivery or vice versa.

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